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1. EMBASSY BRASILIA'S JULY 20 MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION REPORTING ON A MEETING BETWEEN AN EMBASSY OFFICER AND JOSE DE ALMEIDA AND ORLANDO CORDEIRO OF THE AZOREAN LIBERATION FRONT ARRIVED BY POUCH AUG 17 (REF A). WE NOTE THAT PREVIOUS MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN OFFICERS OF CONSULATE-GENERAL IN SAO PAULO AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FLA INCLUDING CORDEIRO (REF B). WE ARE CONCERNED THAT BY ACQUIESCING IN SUCH MEETINGS WE MAY GIVE THE ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION THAT THE USG IS CULTIVATING A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FLA. CURRENT AZORES NEGOTIATIONS ADD TO THE SENSITIVITY OF THE ISSUE. USG POLICY IN THIS REGARD IS CLEAR. DURING THE REVIEW OF THE 1977 POLICY ASSESSMENT FOR PORTUGAL THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENT WAS APPROVED: WE SHOULD "AVOID ANY IMPLIED OR EXPLICIT
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US INVOLVEMENT IN THE QUESTION OF THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE AZORES WHICH IS A DOMESTIC PORTUGUESE ISSUE."

2. THE VIEWS OF ALMEIDA AND OTHER FLA OFFICIALS ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE USG. WE ARE POUCHING A SERIES OF REPORTS WHICH PROVIDE FURTHER BACKGROUND OF THE FLA AND ITS OBJECTIVES. FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED ABOVE, USEFULNESS OF FURTHER MEETINGS

WITH FLA REPRESENTATIVES APPEARS MARGINAL. WE DOUBT SERIOUSLY
THE INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BE OBTAINED IN SUCH MEETINGS
OUTWEIGHS THE LIKELIHOOD THESE MEETINGS WOULD CONVEY THE WRONG
SIGNALS BOTH TO THE PORTUGUESE AND THE FLA.
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